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**Strong Allied Armour, Driving Through Fog, Rain And Snow,
Cuts Main Escape Route From Lorraine's Fortress City**

PARIS: METZ TAKES METZ TAKES METZ TAKES

BY OUR MILITARY COMMENTATOR

GENERAL PATTON'S great drive from north and south to encircle Metz, key fortress of Lorraine and bulwark against Allied thrusts to the Saar, is going so well that the complete encirclement of the city must be expected soon.

Tanks of his crack 6th Armoured Division, those same tanks which drove through France at breakneck speed, are now astride the Metz-Falquemont road, after a sensational advance through the night; while other armoured formations thrusting north-east from Nancy are beyond Delme. The gap between the two forces is rapidly narrowing. Once it is closed the fate of Metz and its

Patton's Happy Birthday

His Men Capture 27 Towns

From ERIC DOWNTON

Third U.S. Army H.Q., Saturday.

GENERAL PATTON'S mud-caked tanks are today astride the main escape route eastwards from the great German garrison of Metz to Falquemont and, according to latest reports, are only twelve and a half miles from the latter town.

Other Third Army units have pushed forward three miles during the night to reach the vicinity of Habsbourg, 23 miles north-east of Nancy.

Some of Patton's crack tanks are in Fremercy and Lancy, 20 miles north-east of Nancy. Four miles north of Metz, the greatest advance is to Lancy, 14 miles north-east of Pont-a-Mousson, and captured today.

Towns officially announced as captured since the attack started now total 27. Tanks have bypassed many other towns, and dozens of villages and hamlets have been overrun.

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Fighting in woods is also taking place two miles north of Chateau Salins.

The fine work of the Third Army artillery is becoming increasingly obvious. With devastating fire, American guns have knocked out German command posts and anti-H.Q. and shattered and disorganised many lines of communication in many places.

MIXED BAG OF HUNS

The position is stiffest around Metz, where, despite the heavy rains, the city still possesses formidable defences.

The Germans facing Patton are a mixed lot. There are Panzer Grenadiers of 16, high-class infantry, and members of the pitiful Volksgrenadiers. These last are men of a low physical calibre, not long transplanted from civilian life to the army.

The Third Army has proved that the over-weening German belief in the invincibility of their tanks and their obstacles was as German resistance.

Their advances have been made in rain, sleet and snow across hilly, wooded terrain, and through mud. Engineers are working day and night erecting and maintaining bridges and keeping the lines open to the front.

The Third Army's 96th Infantry, and he is passing the day doing what he likes best—directing an attack.

AMERICANS SHOOT TWO GERMAN SPIES

Twelfth U.S. Army H.Q., Saturday H.Q.

Two German spies, captured by American soldiers, were executed in the U.S. Third Army sector today by firing squads—Reuters.

German Seize

Hungary's Gold

Following the invasion of Hungary by the Russians, the Germans have removed gold reserves amounting to \$26,000,000 to Germany, says the Basic News.

The importance of the gold installations in Hungary has also been stressed by the Germans. The Manfred-Weiss works, the country's biggest arm depot, on the Danube island of Csepel,

'Endless Miles Of Tanks'

From ROGER GREENE

Holland, Saturday.

WE have heard of the German people: we have seen the endless miles of tanks.

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Mr. Churchill and General de Gaulle at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Armistice Day Silence at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris yesterday.

Triple Air Blow At Germans

BOMBED AMMO. TRAIN VANISHED

THE triple hammering of Germany's oil supplies and war plants and communications by Anglo-American heavy bombers and Typhoons continued all yesterday and last night.

Most dramatic incident of the 24 hours was a Typhoon attack on a German ammunition train which tried to make a daylight dash with supplies for the Nazis in Holland.

Capt. D. E. Gilliam's wing of RAF 2nd Tactical Air Force spotted the train moving west of Amsterdam. They attacked with eight 500-lb. bombs.

When we went in we thought it was just another German supply train," said Flying-Officer Gordon Kemp of Toronto, "but after we had bombed we knew that we had hit the Jack Pot. The whole train disappeared in a huge red flash."

Bomber Command Lancasters escorted by Mustangs of RAF Fighter Command, blasted the synthetic oil plant at Castrop-Rauxe.

OIL PLANTS HIT
About the same time 450 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators struck at oil plants in the Gelsenkirchen region and railway yards near Coblenz.

Jet-propelled German fighters were sent by the Americans near Gelsenkirchen, but with the exception of one which made a "pass" at a formation and then there were no enemy attacks.

Mustangs and Liberators of the RAF 2nd Air Force escorted the bombers.

Another great force of RAF heavies thundered over the East Coast last night.

Several squadrons of Mosquitos made two concentrated attacks on Hannover during Friday night.

Many tons of bombs were dropped including over thirty 4,000-pounder blockbusters.

The Stockholm paper "Dagens Nyheter," quoting the Eston National Zeitung, describes the bombing of the Ruhr "the most important industrial area has ever witnessed."

From yesterday's operation four German fighters were shot down. The German air raid service last night announced that enemy bombers had been shot down by Brandenburg and western Germany.

DAILY FOOD BY AIR FOR HOLLAND

Twenty tons of foodstuffs will be flown daily to the liberated area of Holland by four Dakotas transport planes, said a Dutch Government spokesman from Orange last night.

One hundred and twenty-five tons of food have been made available to the liberated area of Holland since the first flight on November 15. Some beef cattle has been supplied.

BEHIND the visit of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden to Paris this week-end lies a vast Allied plan for enclosing Germany in a steel ring to ensure that not again will that brutal and barbarous race be allowed to spread their blight across Europe.

In this master plan all the liberated states will join, and France, restored with Allied aid to her old greatness, will have a major part to play.

The old neutrality policy of the smaller States of Europe will go by the board.

Instead, a massive chain of liberated nations—France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Austria and Italy—will be forward air and military bases surrounding Germany and bound in political and economic ties with the Big Three—Britain, the United States and Russia.

The importance of France's role is indicated by the announcement yesterday that Big Three have invited France to full and permanent membership of the European Atomic Energy Commission.

This Commission, set up last year by the fighting Allies, has the task of ensuring that, under terms, the future of Germany and all matters relating to the establishment of a peaceful Europe, France is now to join in their deliberations on a basis of full equality.

Confirming the prospect of French participation, the *Reuter's* correspondent in Brussels cabled yesterday that Belgium is believed to have already renounced her policy of neutrality.

The Dutch Government, he added, is stated to share that point of view.

HOPES OF DE GAULLE
In Paris Mr. Churchill hopes to forge new links in the chain and the task of his next meeting with Roosevelt and Stalin, to put the finishing touches to the Anglo-American scheme of keeping the mad door of Europe securely in its kennel.

France will be no shadowy partner. On the contrary, Gen. de Gaulle's only anxiety is that France should be able to take her full part as a leading Power.

A Franco-British conference yesterday afternoon turned out to be a discussion of the future of Belgium and the future of the Netherlands.

Mr. Churchill and Gen. de Gaulle. The atmosphere in which the talk was conducted was most cordial.

Occasion was taken to inform Gen. de Gaulle of the content of the discussions at the recent international meetings.

At the same time a series of simple questions and answers were given to the press.

Among the questions touched on were those of the Allied attitude towards the Soviet Union, claims against Italy, the knotty problem of Syria and the importance of France to the Allies.

The story, which comes from Germany, via Zurich, may have been spread deliberately by the Nazis as an explanation of Hitler's attitude on November 6 anniversary of the Nazi Beer Hall Putsch.

On November 6, a vast Paris standing ten deep along the Champs Elysees, yesterday gave Mr. de Gaulle the most thunderous ovation of his career.

They roared and cheered and shouted themselves hoarse. At the point the general stepped forward, trying to shake his hand and put him on the march.

The last time he was seen in public was in the dark days of 1940, when he flew there to lead the nation to a new life.

He had a stroke, impairing his speech and paralysing his right side.

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Paris Talks Aim to Enclose Germany

Next Objective—Austria

Russian's Mass For New Push

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent
Moscow Saturday (By Moscow-London Radio, telephoned).

VAST Soviet tanks and infantry forces are massing for a great new onslaught on Hitler's central Hungarian defences—an onslaught which may burst open the whole German line and carry the Red Army into Austria, Czechoslovakia and even Germany.

All indications point to this drive being launched at an early date.

Tonight's communication revealed that yesterday between the rivers Tisza and Danube Soviet troops fought their way into a number of towns, including the Hungarian town of Jajszarony, operating against the Germans in Jajszarony territory, occupied by the Red Army.

Stalin's key military commentator, Col. Karpov, this afternoon described the present relative stalemate as "a pause before the annihilating new blow at the enemy."

"The Red Army has taken up positions for the offensive," he declared.

The struggle at the North-Eastern Red-Southern approaches to Budapest has become a battle for the high roads dominated by a 35-mile stretch of Hungarian plain.

DEEP IN MUD
But Marshal Malinovsky has a tough job.

He is fighting the weather as well as the Germans—battling across side roads deep in sticky mud, and contending with the possibility of receiving large quantities of supplies across the swollen Danube.

The Germans are resisting fiercely. S.S. tank units often fight to the last man, and their blasting weapons rather than accept surrender calls.

Most German attacks on the East Prussian front have in some cases resulted in a worsening of their positions, although German artillery has been concentrated in tremendous quantities.

(See Page Eight: Russian Plan Reuter.)

HITLER'S THROAT:
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

Mr. J. G. Vanier has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to the French Provisional Government.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, announced in Ottawa tonight.

Both countries are raising their respective relations to the status of embassies—B.U.P.

AIRCRAFT STRIKERS GO BACK
After a three-day sit down strike, 200 workers at an aircraft factory in Leicestershire resumed work yesterday, pending negotiations. The dispute was about working hours.

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SECRET SERVICE NEWS

DE GAULLE may be asked to attend meeting of "Big Three." Outcome of current political developments in France will decide issue.

- Call-up of German workers in total mobilisation and destruction through air raids have reduced industrial output of Germany to only little over half its pre-war level.
- "Winter" demonstrations are taking place in several German towns. Irate people demand protection against weather. Tens of thousands of homeless have been living under canvas as a result of threatened by influenza epidemic.

● Anti - Nazi junta operating in Budapest has control of considerable part of Hungarian capital and is helping Germany.

● U-boat crews and famous Luftwaffe pilots now fighting in German infantry units, proof of shortage of man-power which almost paralyzes Wehrmacht in

● Archduke Otto due to leave Lisbon for Belgium shortly; may take up residence at his castle Stenockers again.

Homes!
DO YOU AND I BOOK
CERTAIN GREYHOUND
NOW, WE SHOULD
BE NEAR BY.
OVER the next twenty years

four million homes will have to be built and a great programme of general reconstruction overtaken by the people of our land.

Our achievements will depend partly on the wisdom with which we allocate space, labour

Moreover, the sense of frustration among those who for a long time will have to suffer from the shortage of houses cannot be overlooked.

If we adopted a policy of one family one home," it would both release men and material and mitigate discontent. Newly-weds, for example, living with their "in-laws," would appreciate that, even though they are temporarily being denied the fine new world they are promised, at least the "upper ten" are doing some-

The owners displaced should be allowed to select the one

house they wish to retain, and compensation for the rest might aptly be made on a 1939 basis of valuation.

The residences taken over

The policy should apply to everyone — wealthy nobleman

I am never in favour of
organs at elections, or on other
occasions. But if ever I fall for

that weakness one of mine will
e: "One family, one house."

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Famous Men Denounce Great Social Evils

CORSE OF WAR, GREEDY MEN, BROKEN MARRIAGES

His
Wait And
She

Wives (in Court)—
My husband gives me every-
thing I want, but I have to
wait for it.

My husband taught me to
mix romance with caution.

My husband has written
"Expect me home in the
spring, because then, as the
poet has it, a young man's
fury turns to thoughts of
love."

And husbands—
My wife says she loves to
be near me—but I think
she means on Fridays.

I sleep at my club and dodge
being clocked in and out by
my wife.

I made the mistake of
marrying without asking any
questions.

Lots Of Hens

Know 2-In-1 Trick

Fame of the Kintyre (Argyll-
shire) hen, whose exploit in
laying a completely shelled egg
which was, called a correspond-
ent of "The People" to hail
her as Queen of the Poultry-
yard, has been dismissed.

Many readers have written to
the Editor furnishing reports that
bring about when they performed
the two-in-one egg trick years
ago. To those readers: thanks!

CHRISTMAS POST
TO FAR EAST

November 23—Thursday week—
the latest date for posting dis-
tance letters intended for Christmas
delivery to members of the Forces
in the India Command, South
East Asia, Ceylon, South Africa,
Ceylon, New Zealand and the
West Indies.

On the same date applies to ships
of the Royal Navy and Merchant
Navy at ports in South Africa,
India, Ceylon, Australia and
New Zealand and to civilian
addresses.

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SOCIAL evils that eat like a canker into the body
of a nation, and that legislation, of itself, cannot cure,
were frankly discussed by several famous men
yesterday.

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**Wounded, He
Gave Life For
His Comrades**

HERO doctor of a parachute
brigade, who, in spite of his
own wounds, helped to
rescue stricken men at Ar-
nhem, is now known to have
been killed by an enemy bullet
while engaged in work of
mercy.

He was Capt. Garry Drayson,
twenty-seven-year-old son of Pay-
master-Rear-Admiral E. H. Drayson,
of Loughlin, Devon.

Capt. Drayson had been posted
as missing. Now a quartermaster
who took part in the glorious
episode of Arnhem has brought
himself back to the front.

Capt. Drayson was buried by the
battalion padre, who is now a
major.

Mrs. Drayson, the doctor's
mother, said yesterday that she
knew very little about her son's
military life, but she felt the fact
would come out of Germany from
his own comrades who are
prisoners.

There is a big increase in
bigamy: only seven people are
charged with this offence.

One of them is a woman, and
five of the others are Service
men.

One of the two men charged
with murder is Louis Christopher
Walsh, an electrician, accused of
the murder of Mrs. Sarah Green-
field, Parry, whose body was
found in the basement of a
bombing house in Franklin Pri-
ory.

The other man is Sidney
Francis Buckley, accused of the
murder of Eileen Mary Thwaites.

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marriage ties Mr. Justice
Charles had to say during
the hearing of divorce cases at
Durham Assizes.

"I have noticed that the
greatest number of these cases
has been the marriage tie
seems to be becoming more
and more valuable.

"In one case, only three months
after marriage, the woman said:
I don't like you. I am going
away, and I shall stop away until
you divorce me."

"Divorce is now so amazingly
easy and cheap now that when
people enter into the bond of
what is called Holy Matrimony, I
do not think they consider in the
least what they are doing."

"It is a great misfortune for
the country."

Other "black spots" such as
war, swine, slums and immor-
ality were subjects of the com-
mittee's meeting on Christianity
at the residence of Central Hall,
Westminster.

Here the chief speaker was Lord
Stanley, who, in many years was
a distinguished judge.

"Social conditions are just as
important as the concerns of the
State," he said.

"We are living in a time of
selfishness, present-day immorality
and drunkenness, are these to be
the conditions of the State?"

"The Church should apply the
principles of the Gospels to the
great social questions of the day."
The speaker said that the Church
problems we must return to the
Gospels.

WORK AND WAGES

"After considering some Gov-
ernment white papers it is no
doubt to read again the Sermon
on the Mount."

"The Church can fight against
selfishness which makes the profit
motive the predominant rule in
industry."

"The Church should lead the
people to limited liability and un-
limited liability, and the Church
should lead the people to high
wages without the hard work
which earns them."

MR. FRANK BUCKLAND

Mr. Frank Buckland, who has
been at his home, Craneyd,
Hilber, Crumpton, Manchester,
has been northern publisher of
"The People" and the "Daily
Herald" since 1936, when he
was first printed in the North
Country.

Mr. Buckland, who was 60,
was a native of Manchester. His
passing is regretted by many who
esteemed him, as much for his
ability as for his fine human
qualities.

HER BEER AT 101

Mr. Mary Ann Forthall, of
Hurt Hill, Sandgate, N., was ser-
ving a sentence of three years
and a month for robbing a house
in London Sessions in July for
stealing from houses in the West
End.

Parries was still at large last
night.

Stories of warders and police
men making a search in the
vicinity of the prison until it
was too dark to continue.

It is not believed that Keston
had any outside accomplice. He
is not believed to be still in the
vicinity.

FREE KICK IN FREE FRANCE

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• Tow-ropes parted in giant seas, and
U-boats were near, but the little tugs
stuck to their job.

• Sailors tied to life-lines worked for
hours up to their necks in water to re-
connect the broken cables.

Tugs Towed Dock 10 Days in Gale

FOR 10 days and night, in great seas and a raging gale, two small
naval rescue tugs, the Saucy and the Lariat, towed a 2,750-ton
floating dock in the Atlantic.

Eighteen-inch tow ropes
parted under the strain, and
at one time the dock broke
adrift.

But the tugs stuck to the
job.

"The gale blew at full force for
the whole time," said Lieut. J. W.
Eversden, R.N.R., of Hull, com-
manding the Saucy. "The strain
off the tow ropes was terrific."

"My crew, working on the after-
deck, which was completely awash,
merged at times, were constantly
attending to the chafing tow ropes,
and repairing the worn wooden
padding on the stern tow rail."

The tugs ran into the gale on the
first day of their voyage. Their
speed was reduced to two and a
half knots.

Great seas swept through the
dock, which was manned by the
Royal Navy.

"On the third day, the Lariat's
tow parted and her crew, com-
manded by Lieut. J. W. Eversden,
R.N.R., of Worthing, did a fine job
in making the Saucy's tow line
tight again."

Towing was resumed, but we
could not tow the dock, as the
dock was too heavy for the
tugs. One of our escorts, H.M.
Tiger, an American submarine, was
sent to tow the dock, but it was
too heavy for her.

TOW PARTED AGAIN

We had to take a chance on
the tow line, and the tug was
our way back to our course. But
the tow line was too heavy for
the tug, and it was impossible to
reconnect, and the Lariat could
not tow the dock, and we were
drifted towards the danger zone.

All through the night, the
dock was towed by the Lariat,
the next day and night, both
tugs were here in the dock,
and the tug was towed by the
Northern Spray had re-
ported, and the tug was towed
by the Lariat's tow parted
again. Now the dock was com-
pletely adrift.

"The dock broke into swash
and her crew were unable to
a fresh tow connection."

"When I had drifted 60 miles
from our course, the dock crew
decided to venture into the flooded
area, and make a tow line to
connect up with our tow lines."

Every man was up to his
neck in swirling sea. They
worked for hours in these con-
ditions and succeeded in retriev-
ing the dock.

They also reconnected the
Lariat, and towing was resumed.
The wind had quietened down,
but there was still a heavy swell,
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